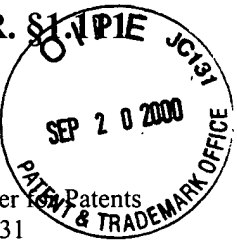


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Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated May 9, 2000 for which a three-month period for response was given. A petition and petition fee for a two month extension of time is attached hereto making this response timely filed on or before October 9, 2000.

In view of the amendments to the claims and the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Please amend the application as follows:

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel all of the original claims 1-20 and add the following new claims 21-28.

21. (New) A method, comprising:

administering to an organism expressing relaxin receptors, synthetic relaxin like factor; and

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